

# EASTSIDE CATHOLICS

St. Cecilia Oakley | St. Mary Hyde Park | The Oratory of St. John Vianney Madisonville

DECEMBER 14, 2025

## ADVENT MISSION 2025

Dwelling in the Heart of Christ

*Preparing for the Coming of the King through Prayer*



*with* FATHER STEPHEN JONES

December 15-17 | 7-8 PM

Saint Mary Church

# EASTSIDE CATHOLICS

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## Weekend Mass Schedule

**St. Cecilia** (Oakley)

Saturday 3:30 PM | Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 8:15 PM

**St. Mary** (Hyde Park)

Saturday at 4 PM | Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

**The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church** (Madisonville)

Saturday 3 PM | Sunday 9:30 AM

## Daily Mass Schedule

**St. Cecilia** (Oakley)

9 AM Mass, Monday-Saturday.

*All-day Adoration follows the 9 AM Mass on Wednesdays with 7 PM Holy Hour and Confessions from 7-7:50 PM*

**St. Mary** (Hyde Park)

5:30 PM evening Mass, Monday-Thursday with Holy Hour on Tuesdays following the 5:30 PM Mass.

**The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church** (Madisonville)

11:45 AM Mass, Monday-Friday

## Confession Schedule

Confessions begin immediately after daily Masses. One hour before weekend Masses, ending 30 minutes before Mass.

## Our Churches

**St. Cecilia** (Oakley)

3105 Madison Road, Cincinnati OH 45209

Office: (513) 871-5757 | Office Hours, Mon.-Thurs., 9 AM - 3 PM

[www.stceciliacincinnati.org](http://www.stceciliacincinnati.org)

St. Cecilia — St. Vincent de Paul Society: (513) 871-5757, ext. 1

**St. Mary** (Hyde Park)

2853 Erie Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45208

Office: (513) 321-1207 | Office Hours, Mon.-Thurs., 9 AM - 3 PM

[www.smchp.org](http://www.smchp.org)

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**The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church** (Madisonville)

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[www.eastsidefaith.org](http://www.eastsidefaith.org)

Oratory — St. Vincent de Paul Society: (513) 271-0856, ext. 1

## New Parishioner Registration



**St. Cecilia** (Oakley) **The Oratory** (Madisonville)

[eastsidefaith.org/new-parishioner-cecilia](http://eastsidefaith.org/new-parishioner-cecilia)

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[eastsidefaith.org/new-parishioner-mary](http://eastsidefaith.org/new-parishioner-mary)



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Advent Mission 2025  
Dwelling in the Heart of Christ

*Fr. Jones*



DECEMBER | 14 | 2025

This Monday evening we will begin our **Advent Mission** at St. Mary at 7 PM. I hope you have been preparing your hearts for Christmas with your own Advent studies. This mission will be one more way to ready yourself, joining with Fr. Stephen Jones as he presents his talk on prayerful preparations at St. Mary on Monday and Tuesday evenings. We will end the mission on Wednesday at 7 PM with Lessons and Carols. Please plan ahead and invite family and friends to join us as we prepare for the birth of Our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**December Schedule of Events**

- 12/14 Bambinelli Blessing (all Masses)
- 12/14 Homeschool Pageant (11:30 AM)
- 12/14 Women's Monthly Dinner Potluck (5:30 PM @ STC)
- 12/14 Family of Faith Classes (11:30 AM)
- 12/15-17 Advent Mission with Fr. Stephen Jones (7 PM)
- 12/17 Lessons and Carols (7 PM @ St. Mary)
- 12/20 Christmas Caroling at The Oratory (4 PM)
- 12/20-1/4 St. Cecilia & St. Mary Schools Christmas Break
- 12/21 Expectant Mother's Blessing (all Masses)
- 12/24-25 Christmas!

**Christmas Giving**

In this holy season of Advent when we prepare to celebrate God's greatest gift in the birth of Jesus Christ, we invite you to support the mission and ministries of our parish. Your Christmas offering is a vital act of faith that sustains our work throughout the year, helping us meet essential expenses, support parish programs, and maintain our churches. Saint Paul reminds us, "God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor 9:7). Your generosity allows us to continue proclaiming the Gospel, serving those in need, and nurturing the spiritual life of our community. We prayerfully ask you to consider a meaningful gift this Christmas. You may give through our online portal (see the QR codes below) or by using the Christmas envelope in your packet. May God bless you for your generosity.



**Christmas Caroling at The Oratory**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

We will meet after the 3 PM Mass at The Oratory for pizza, and will then head out for caroling around the neighborhood. We will finish with hot chocolate and cookies at the St. Margaret Center.

**Please join us!**



St. Cecilia

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St. Mary

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GIVESTM to  
513-540-0703



The Oratory

or text  
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513-540-0703

**Join The Oratory in Praying for our Priests!**

This week we are praying for **Fr. Joseph Chinnabathini, Fr. Thomas Dorn, Fr. Bob Farrell, Fr. Brian Phelps, and Fr. William Wagner.** May their lives and ministry bear witness to the mercy and faithfulness of God.



# Remember the Holy



## **Ludus de Nativitate (Homeschool Nativity Pageant)**

Sunday, December 14, in the St. Cecilia gym  
11:30 a.m. following 10:00 a.m. Mass

## **Bambinelli Blessing**

Sunday, December 14 (*Bring your Baby Jesus figurines to be blessed at all of the Masses*)

## **Advent Mission**

December 15-16, at 7 p.m., with Lessons and Carols on December 17, also at 7 p.m., at St. Mary

## **Christmas Caroling at The Oratory**

Saturday, December 20

After the 3 p.m. Mass. Pizza, caroling, with hot chocolate and cookies at the St. Margaret Center afterward.

## **Expectant Mothers Blessing**

Sunday, December 21 (*Please invite expectant mothers for a special blessing at The Oratory 9:30 a.m., St. Cecilia 10 a.m. and St. Mary 10:30 a.m. Masses*)

## **Christmas Masses**

St. Cecilia: Christmas Eve (Wednesday): 3 p.m. & 5 p.m. / Christmas Day (Thursday): Midnight & 10 a.m.

St. Mary: Christmas Eve (Wednesday): 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m., & 10 p.m. / Christmas Day (Thursday): 10 a.m.

The Oratory: Christmas Eve (Wednesday): 3 p.m. / Christmas Day (Thursday): 10 a.m.

## **New Year's Masses**

St. Mary: Vigil Mass, Wednesday, December 31 at 5:30 p.m.

St. Mary, St. Cecilia, The Oratory: January 1 at 9 a.m.

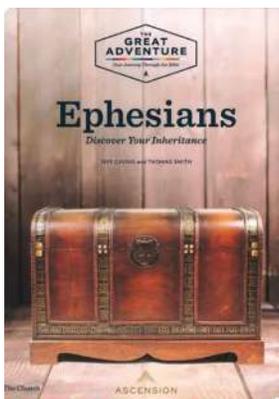
**Please note: *All offices are closed from Christmas Eve until Monday, January 5, 2026.***



**1-2 | A Big Thank You** to these ladies who help us make events so hospitable: the Placke ladies who brought the delicious snacks to the post-Sacred Music Concert reception. Melissa Kautz for heading hospitality and taking care of making the details look so nice. Terrie Kemper for always thinking about the little ones and creating the St. Cecilia stickers. **3-4 | A Thanksgiving Dinner Thank You** to Dan O'Connell, Margie Dorn and Dee O'Connell and all of the volunteers who help us feed so many on Thanksgiving Day so that no one goes without. Over 1,000 people enjoyed a meal! Dan wanted me to also add a big thank you to all of the business partners: Busken Bakery, Skyline Chili, The Bonbonerie, Arthurs, United Dairy Farmers, Klosterman Baking Company, Kroger, and Basic American Foods. **5-6 | St. Cecilia School Turkey Trot!** The students participated in a turkey trot with their year long Initiative with the team Tressel Fitness Challenge. It was fun to see the children compete and run as well as cheer on their classmates! **7 | Thanksgiving Morning Run/Walk.** We had an amazing turnout for the 8th annual Bread for Life 5K with Fr. Jacob Willig. Thanks to all who braved the cold and participated in the run!  
**8 | St. Mary Students** enjoyed a meal together before they left for the long weekend. They were thankful for their faith, family and friends!



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## St. Mary Mom's Winter Bible Study

St. Mary School moms of all experience levels are welcome to join our Winter Bible Study: Ephesians, Discover Your Inheritance! Ephesians was one of the most widely circulated of St. Paul's writings because of its powerful, practical instructions for disciples of Christ. In fact, its six short chapters contain some of the most discussed passages in the New Testament. Join us weekly on Tuesday mornings at 9 AM beginning on **January 6** in the Marian Room of St. Mary's Seton Center. To learn more or to sign up, visit [eastsidefaith.org/ephesians-study](http://eastsidefaith.org/ephesians-study).



## Thinking of Getting Married at an Eastside Catholic Church?

To have your wedding at Saint Mary or Saint Cecilia, you or an immediate family member, must be registered as a parishioner at Saint Mary or Saint Cecilia for at least three months prior to reserving your wedding date. Please note that if you are not planning on celebrating your wedding in the family, but wish to complete marriage preparation with your parish, you will also need to register.

To reserve a wedding date, please contact our wedding coordinator at [weddings@eastsideregion.org](mailto:weddings@eastsideregion.org) or visit [eastsideregion.org/marriage](http://eastsideregion.org/marriage).

## Feast of St. Thomas Becket

December 29 is the feast of St. Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, who was martyred for the Catholic Faith in his cathedral on December 29, 1170. St. Thomas a Becket is symbolized by a sword through a mitre. Visit [catholiccuisine.blogspot.com](http://catholiccuisine.blogspot.com), and click on December saints to learn more about Becket and get the recipe for these great-looking cookies!



## Glória in excelsis Deo.

We celebrate the Novus Ordo Latin Mass every Tuesday, at the Saint Cecilia 9 AM Mass. Booklets are available to guide you through the Mass.



## Prayer to St. Gerard Majella for an Expectant Mother

Great St. Gerard, beloved servant of Jesus Christ, perfect imitator of Jesus, and devoted child of the Mother of God, enkindle within my heart one spark of that Heavenly fire of charity which glowed in yours. Because you bore, without murmur or complaint, the calumnies of wicked men when falsely accused of crime, you have been raised up by God as the patron and protector of expectant mothers. Preserve her in the dangers of motherhood, and shield the child she now bears, that it may be brought safely to the light of day, and receive the sacrament of baptism.

## Questions about the Catholic Faith?

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in becoming Catholic? Submit an inquiry today using the QR code at right or contact Haley at [hmetzger@eastsidecatholics.org](mailto:hmetzger@eastsidecatholics.org) to learn more about the Catholic faith and how to become a fully-initiated member. Remember, if you want to be a sponsor or godparent, this is a canonical requirement that we can help you with!

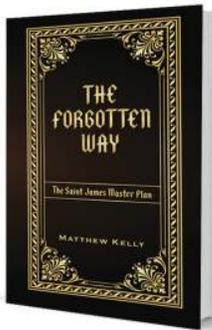


### Men's Ignatian Weekend Retreat

**January 2-4** at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Milford, encounter the heart of Jesus in the spiritual exercises of Saint Ignatius with Fr. Jim Kubicki, S.J. and develop a deeper, more personal relationship with Jesus. The fee is \$310. Visit [jesuitspiritualcenter.com/iwr](http://jesuitspiritualcenter.com/iwr) for more information. Email [reservations@jesuitspiritualcenter.com](mailto:reservations@jesuitspiritualcenter.com) to save your spot.

### Future Godparent or Sponsor Role?

One of the most important requirements to serve in these roles is for you to have received all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation). Do you, or someone you know, need assistance completing these? Reach out to Haley Metzger, at [hmetzger@eastsideregion.org](mailto:hmetzger@eastsideregion.org), to get this process started. This process usually takes only weeks, but do not delay!



### *The Forgotten Way* Bible Study

Inspired by the often-ignored writings of St. James, bestselling author Matthew Kelly has crafted a uniquely powerful guide based on one epic spiritual truth: governing your speech is a sure path to holiness. The simplicity and practicality of this great spiritual truth make it remarkable. Come discover *The Forgotten Way*, starting **January 5**, at 7 PM, in Robisch Hall at St. Mary. Register online at [eastsidefaith.org/the-forgotten-way](http://eastsidefaith.org/the-forgotten-way).

### Married Outside of the Catholic Church?

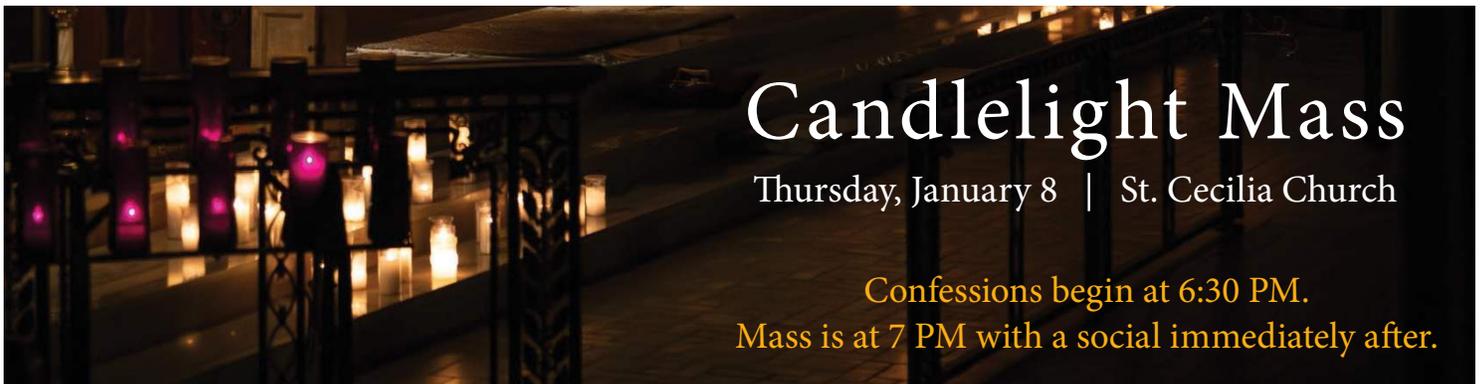
Many of us were not taught that as baptized Catholics we are required to be married in a Catholic Church or obtain permission from the Archbishop to be married in a non-Catholic ceremony. In order to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church, including serving as a godparent or sponsor and receiving the Eucharist, our marriages must first be deemed valid by the Church. However, this is easily amended through a convalidation. Contact Sarah LaBarge at [slabarge@eastsideregion.org](mailto:slabarge@eastsideregion.org) for more info.

## Candlelight Mass

Thursday, January 8 | St. Cecilia Church

Confessions begin at 6:30 PM.

Mass is at 7 PM with a social immediately after.



## A Blessed Advent from all the Folks in EPIC — Extraordinary Parishioners Involved in Community

The senior members of the Eastside Catholics are joyfully awaiting the birth of the Baby Jesus on Christmas Day. Earlier this month we gathered at the annual Christmas celebration for socialization, singing Christmas Carols, and a delicious lunch. We also acknowledged the Crafty Ladies for their beautiful handiwork and years of service to the parish. The children's Schola from St. Mary School inspired us with their singing. Several tables were filled with our donations of warm winter clothes and personal items for the homeless who come to the Mary Magdalen House.

EPIC honors and cherishes all the men and women of advanced age from the parish — these are the dedicated seniors who were long-time members of the parish, who supported the growth of the parish throughout the years, and are still actively involved in creating a strong future for the parish. Special thanks goes to the hard-working committee that plans and guides all the events throughout the year: our "fearless leader" Mary Landrum, Janet Buening, Chris Carnes, Cathy Colque, Ron Lamping, Donna Mancini, Marie O'Donnell, Bea Randle, and Charlene Schroder.

Our heartfelt wish to all the families and members of Eastside Catholics — a very happy Christmas!



## Follow and Pray with Archbishop Casey

Archbishop Robert Casey has launched his own social media accounts! Follow him at **@archbishopcasey** on Instagram and at **facebook.com/archbishopcasey**.

By following Archbishop Casey, you can pray with him throughout Advent as he has been posting daily prayer reflections since Sunday, November 30.

## Closing of the Jubilee Year with Archbishop Casey

All are invited to join Archbishop Robert Casey as he celebrates Mass for the Closing of the Jubilee Year on Sunday, **December 28**, at 10 AM at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. At the request of the Holy Father, a collection for the poor will be taken.



## Save the Date — Catholic Redhawk Gala

Save the date for the second annual Catholic Redhawk Gala benefitting the Catholic Newman Center at Miami University. Share in the exciting work of our friend, Fr. Jacob Willig, at Miami! Saturday, **May 2, 2026** at the Shriver Center on campus. For more information, visit [CatholicRedhawk.com](http://CatholicRedhawk.com).



## Christmas Flowers

Parishioners are invited to remember or honor someone special by making a donation toward our Christmas flowers and decorations in that person's name. You may use envelopes that will be in the pews and at the doors and drop them in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. You can also donate using the QR codes below. Thank you for helping us make Christmas beautiful!

St. Cecilia



St. Mary



The Oratory



## Marriage Solutions

If you are having trouble within your marriage, especially if you are considering separation, the Church is here to help you. There is no such thing as Catholic divorce, as marriage is a permanent, unbreakable institution. Even if you think you and your spouse are beyond all reconciliation, there is hope and there is help. Even if you are separated or civilly divorced, your marriage bond is not broken. Please reach out to Deacon Nathan (deaconnathan@stceciacincinnati.org) for a confidential meeting. Our clergy will either try to help you here, or guide you toward someone who can.

However, there are times when two people have attempted marriage invalidly, have separated, and are in need of the Church's help in order to marry in the future. Catholics who are in this state do not need to refrain from the Sacraments unless they have already attempted marriage again or are in a relationship with a person other than their spouse. If you suspect your prior marriage may be invalid, we can help with the annulment process. Please reach out to Joe Fondacaro at 513-871-5757, ext. 222. All inquiries are kept in the strictest confidence.

## YEAR-END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

As we approach the end of 2025, consider these meaningful ways to support our parish and ministries:

**Cash Gifts** – A simple and impactful way to give. **To qualify for a 2025 tax deduction, ensure your gift is dated and postmarked by December 31, 2025.**

**Gifts of Appreciated Securities** – Donate appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual funds to avoid capital gains tax and receive a deduction for the full market value. **Must be received by December 20, 2025.**

### Stock Transfer Instructions

- Account Name: St. Cecilia Parish (STC) or St. Mary Hyde Park (SMHP)
- Account Numbers: STC – 0104471751BG  
SMHP – 0104471751CG
- Receiving Firm: Fifth Third (DTC 2116)
- ACATS Transfers: Use acct# 01-01-000-4471751 and include donor name, parish, and ACRO (BG or CG) in comments. Note: *Donor name is required for processing*

**IRA Charitable Gifts** – If you're 70½ or older, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your traditional IRA. **This gift: 1) Counts toward your RMD 2) Is excluded from taxable income 3) May reduce Medicare premiums and taxable Social Security.**

**Tax-Wise Planning** – Accelerating 2026 gifts into 2025 may help you itemize deductions. Standard deduction thresholds: **1) Joint: \$31,500 2) Head of Household: \$23,625 3) Single: \$15,750 4) Additional: \$2,000 per person age 65+**

**Support Our Schools via SGO** – Donate to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) and direct funds to St. Mary School or St. Cecilia School. Receive a dollar-for-dollar Ohio tax credit:

- Up to \$750 per individual / \$1,500 per couple
- Visit: catholicbestchoice.org/sgo
- Or scan the QR code at right



**Please consult your tax or financial advisor for guidance on charitable giving and deductions.**



Mass intentions may be requested and paid for online under the "About" section at [eastsidecatholics.org](http://eastsidecatholics.org). Masses may also be scheduled at one of our offices. Payment may be made online, in a clearly-marked envelope in the collection basket, or in person during office hours. Intentions are often requested for those who have died, but may include any kind of need that you or someone you know is experiencing for which prayer is needed.

## Monday / December 15

9:00 AM (STC) Cathy & Steve Rabe (L)  
 11:45 AM (OSJV) Gregory Kowalsky (L)  
 5:30 PM (STM) Luz Garcia †

## Tuesday / December 16

9:00 AM (STC) Daniel Riehle ( †)  
 11:45 AM (OSJV) Nadine Reineck †  
 5:30 PM (STM) Mark Rosati †

## Wednesday / December 17

9:00 AM (STC) Stephanie Ahmed (L)  
 11:45 AM (OSJV) Patrick Breen †  
 5:30 PM (STM) Ann Butler †

## Thursday / December 18

9:00 AM (STC) Donald Rierson †  
 11:45 AM (OSJV) Diana Aseere †  
 5:30 PM (STM) Fr. Louis Jacquemin (L)

## Friday / December 19

9:00 AM (STC) Bernice Feldman †  
 11:45 AM (OSJV) Vincent Gortemiller (Birthday)  
 5:30 PM (STM) No Mass

## Saturday / December 20

9:00 AM (STC) Vincent Gortemiller (L)  
 3:00 PM (OSJV) Brian Rich †  
 3:30 PM (STC) Ellen Lehr †  
 4:00 PM (STM) Joseph Jacobs †

## Sunday / December 21

8:00 AM (STC) Lewis Kuglics †  
 8:30 AM (STM) Peggy Elliott †  
 9:30 AM (OSJV) For Living and Deceased Regional Families  
 10:00 AM (STC) Vera and Charles Schwallie †  
 10:30 AM (STM) James Kelly †  
 8:15 PM (STC) Rosa Rodriguez †

† Deceased (L) Living



# FINANCIAL OFFERINGS | 11

For the week ending November 30, 2025

	St. Cecilia	St. Mary	The Oratory
Offertory	\$7,084.00	\$10,859.00	\$2553.00
Online	\$7,679.33	\$10,961.00	\$385.20
Total Collection	\$14,763.33	\$21,820.00	\$2,938.20
<b>Avg. Collection</b>	<b>\$21,566.92</b>	<b>\$20,849.00</b>	<b>\$4,059.50</b>
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